

Department of Veterans Affairs

§ 52.30

Physician means a doctor of medicine or osteopathy legally authorized to practice medicine or surgery in the State.

Physician assistant means a person who meets the applicable State requirements for physician assistant, is currently certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) as a physician assistant, and has an individualized written scope of practice that determines the authorization to write medical orders, prescribe medications and to accomplish other clinical tasks under the appropriate supervision by the primary care physician.

Primary physician or *Primary care physician* means a designated generalist physician responsible for providing, directing and coordinating health care that is indicated for the residents.

State means each of the several States, territories, and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

State home means a home approved by VA which a State established primarily for veterans disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, who by reason of such disability are incapable of earning a living. A State home may provide domiciliary care, nursing home care, adult day health care, and hospital care. Hospital care may be provided only when the State home also provides domiciliary and/or nursing home care.

VA means the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1741–1743)

Subpart B—Obtaining Per Diem for Adult Day Health Care in State Homes

§ 52.10 Per diem based on recognition and certification.

VA will pay per diem to a State for providing adult day health care to eligible veterans in a facility if the Under Secretary for Health recognizes the facility as a State home based on a current certification that the facility management meet the standards of subpart D of this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1741–1743)

§ 52.20 Application for recognition based on certification.

To apply for recognition and certification of a State home for adult day health care, a State must:

(a) Send a request for recognition and certification to the Under Secretary for Health (10), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. The request must be in the form of a letter and must be signed by the State official authorized to establish the State home;

(b) Allow VA to survey the facility as set forth in § 52.30(c); and

(c) Upon request from the director of the VA medical center of jurisdiction, submit to the director all documentation required under subpart D of this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1741–1743)

(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in this paragraph under control number 2900–0160)

§ 52.30 Recognition and certification.

(a)(1) The Under Secretary for Health will make the determination regarding recognition and the initial determination regarding certification, after receipt of a tentative determination from the director of the VA medical center of jurisdiction, regarding whether the facility and program management meet or do not meet the standards of subpart D of this part. The Under Secretary for Health will notify the official in charge of the program, the State official authorized to oversee operations of the State home, the VA Network Director (10N1–22), Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health (10N), and the Chief Consultant, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Healthcare Group (114), of the action taken.

(2) For each facility recognized as a State home, the director of the VA medical center of jurisdiction will certify annually whether the facility and program management meet, provisionally meet, or do not meet the standards of subpart D of this part (this certification should be made every 12 months during the recognition anniversary month or during a month agreed upon by the VA medical center director and